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Employment in South Central Oregon: February 2019

Seasonal hiring was weaker than typically expected across the region in February, however hiring patterns for the late winter months are often inconsistent.

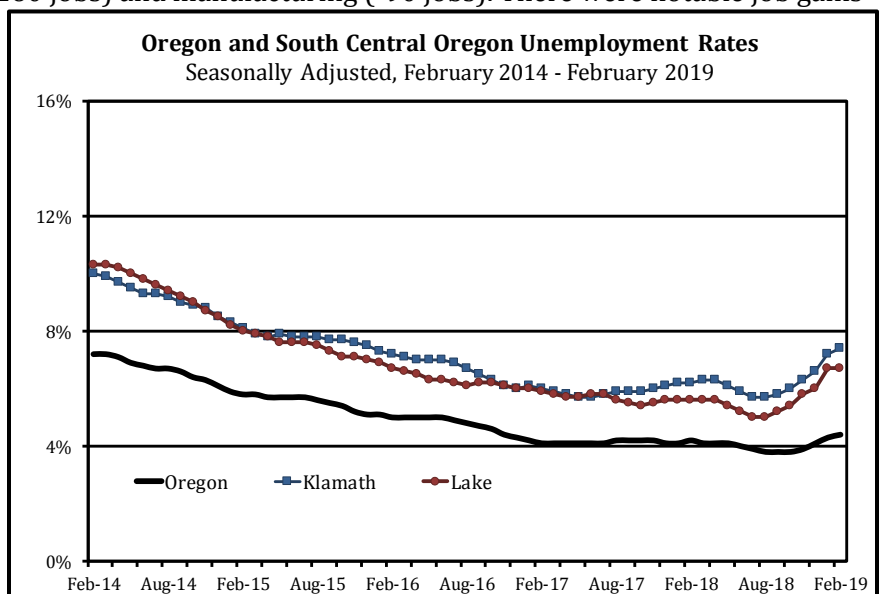
Klamath County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose slightly to 7.4 percent in February from 7.2 percent in January. The unemployment rate is up significantly from this time last year when it was 6.2 percent.

Klamath County added 70 jobs in February, fewer than typically expected this time of year.

There were 390 fewer nonfarm jobs in Klamath County in February compared to this time last year (-1.7%). Fewer than half of these job losses were in private industries with losses concentrated in professional and business services (-160 jobs) and manufacturing (-90 jobs). There were notable job gains in education and health services, adding 160 jobs in the past year.

Lake County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged at 6.7 percent in February. The rate was 5.6 percent in February 2018.

Lake County added 30 jobs in February, slower hiring than typically expected this time of year. Employment levels are largely unchanged from this time last year (+20 jobs). Educational and health services is up (+20 jobs), while federal government is down (-20 jobs).



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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the March county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, April 23rd and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for March on Tuesday, April 16th.



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Klamath County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	February 2019	January 2019	February 2018	January 2019	February 2018
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	29,307	29,489	29,563	-182	-256
Unemployed	2,521	2,873	2,333	-352	188
Unemployment rate	8.6%	9.7%	7.9%	-1.1	0.7
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	7.4%	7.2%	6.2%	0.2	1.2
Employed	26,786	26,616	27,230	170	-444
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	22,340	22,270	22,730	70	-390
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	22,840	22,940	23,250	-100	-410
Total private	17,370	17,400	17,540	-30	-170
Mining, logging, and construction	910	930	900	-20	10
Mining and logging	80	90	90	-10	-10
Construction	830	840	810	-10	20
Manufacturing	1,770	1,760	1,860	10	-90
Durable goods	1,580	1,570	1,650	10	-70
Wood product manufacturing	1,270	1,260	1,330	10	-60
Nondurable goods	190	190	210	0	-20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,370	4,420	4,380	-50	-10
Wholesale trade	760	760	790	0	-30
Retail trade	2,830	2,860	2,830	-30	0
Food and beverage stores	580	580	500	0	80
General merchandise stores	770	790	830	-20	-60
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	780	800	760	-20	20
Information	130	130	140	0	-10
Financial activities	890	890	900	0	-10
Professional and business services	2,050	2,040	2,210	10	-160
Education and health services	4,160	4,120	4,000	40	160
Leisure and hospitality	2,330	2,350	2,390	-20	-60
Other services	760	760	760	0	0
Government	4,970	4,870	5,190	100	-220
Federal government	710	640	800	70	-90
State government	450	450	440	0	10
Local government	3,810	3,780	3,950	30	-140
Local education	2,370	2,340	2,510	30	-140

The most recent month is preliminary, the prior month is revised. Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Civilian labor force includes employed and unemployed individuals 16 years and older by place of residence. Employed includes payroll employment, self-employed, unpaid family workers, domestics, agriculture, and labor disputants. Unemployment rate is calculated by dividing unemployed by civilian labor force.

Nonfarm Payroll Employment: Data are by place of work and cover full- and part-time employees who worked or received pay for the pay period that includes the 12th of the month. The data exclude the self-employed, volunteers, unpaid family workers, and domestics.



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Lake County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	February 2019	January 2019	February 2018	--Change From--	
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Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	3,494	3,510	3,444	-16	50
Unemployed	283	368	259	-85	24
Unemployment rate	8.1%	10.5%	7.5%	-2.4	0.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.7%	6.7%	5.6%	0.0	1.1
Employed	3,211	3,142	3,185	69	26
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	2,180	2,150	2,160	30	20
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	2,260	2,270	2,240	-10	20
Total private	1,120	1,120	1,090	0	30
Mining, logging, and construction	100	110	100	-10	0
Mining and logging	30	40	30	-10	0
Construction	70	70	70	0	0
Manufacturing	200	190	200	10	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	340	340	330	0	10
Retail trade	240	240	230	0	10
Information	20	20	20	0	0
Financial activities	40	40	40	0	0
Professional and business services	70	70	70	0	0
Education and health services	120	120	100	0	20
Leisure and hospitality	170	170	180	0	-10
Other services	60	60	50	0	10
Government	1,060	1,030	1,070	30	-10
Federal government	190	170	210	20	-20
State government	160	170	160	-10	0
Local government	710	690	700	20	10

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The Oregon Employment Department and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) work cooperatively to develop and publish monthly payroll employment and labor force data for Oregon's metropolitan areas and counties. The estimates of monthly job gains and losses are based on a survey of businesses. The estimates of unemployment are based on a survey of households and other sources.

The Oregon Employment Department payroll employment estimates are revised quarterly using information from unemployment insurance tax records. All department publications use data from this *official Oregon series* unless noted.

The department also makes the BLS-produced nonfarm payroll employment series for metropolitan areas available. These are revised annually by BLS.

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